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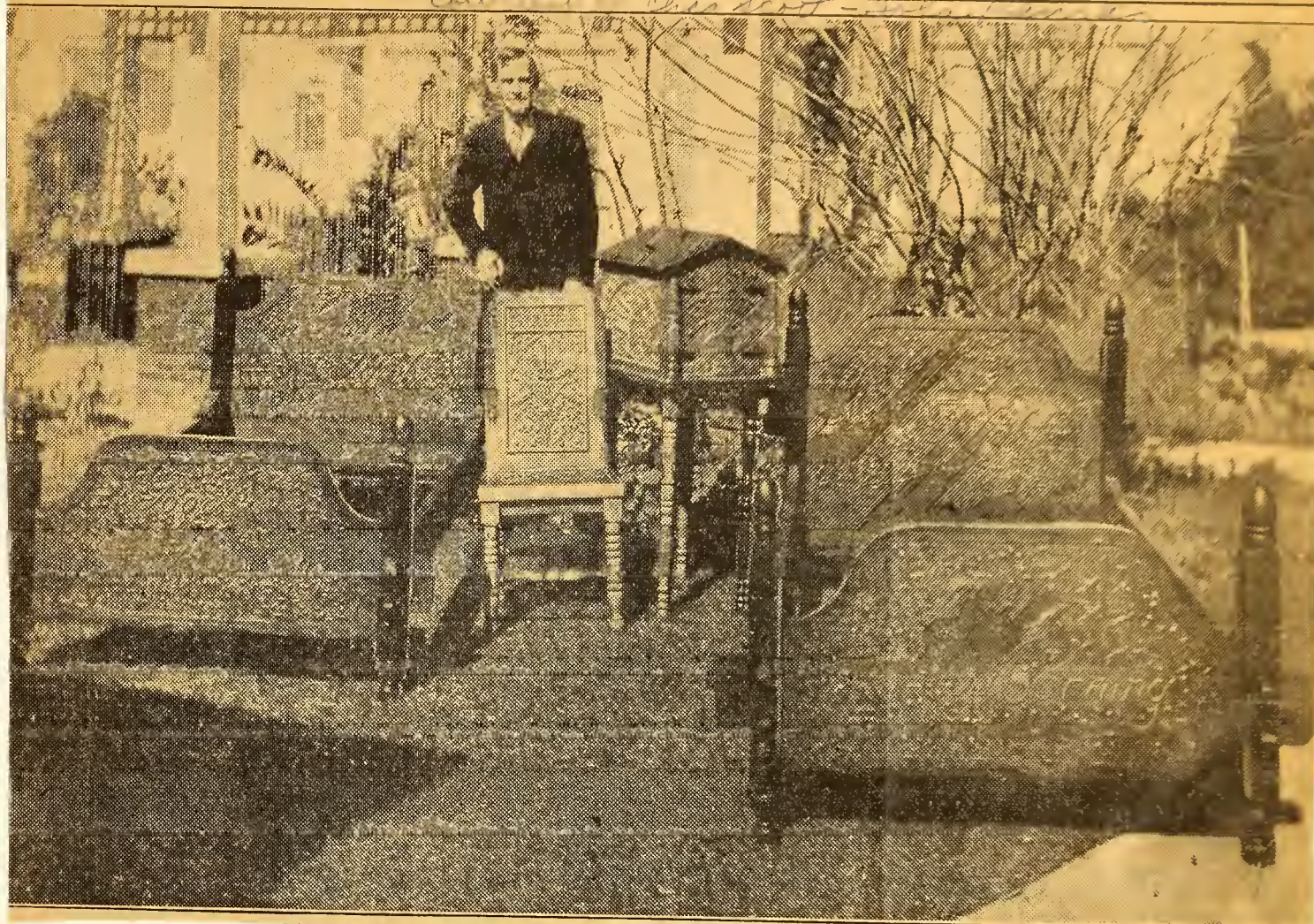
Made from Materials
Connected with Lincoln

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THOUSANDS OF HOURS NEEDED TO CARVE 'MARTYR'S COURTHOUSE' RELICS



At top, two beautiful beds, telephone stand and chair, made of wood salvaged from courthouse where Abraham Lincoln made his first speech as a member of the Illinois Bar, and carved by Rev. E. G. Bulgin. Mr. Bulgin has brought the treasures to Pasadena.

Wood Linked With Lincoln Carved Into Bedroom Set

Rev. E. G. Bulgin Brings Here Beautifully
Carved Furniture With Historic Links

Lumber from the courtroom where Abraham Lincoln made his first speech as a member of the Illinois Bar has come to Pasadena in the shape of handcarved twin beds, the work of the Rev. E. G. Bulgin, 28 Valley Street.

The Rev. Mr. Bulgin, who is now conducting his 154th revival services at the East Pasadena Church of the Nazarene, has carved wood as a hobby during his travels about the country.

Once his carving became more than a hobby when, from sales made of his beautiful work, he paid his expenses through the University of Missouri and supported his parents and 10 brothers and sisters at the same time.

Rain Dismayed Crowd

"Several years ago I heard of an auction sale to be conducted at Harrisburg, Ill., of the lumber

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from the old courthouse in which Abraham Lincoln pleaded his first case," said the evangelist. "I was in Chicago and I hurried to the scene. Fortunately for me, the auction took place during a heavy

rainstorm which kept down the crowd.

Got It For \$238

"I had come prepared to pay \$1000 for the precious wood, some of which Abraham Lincoln pounded upon with his fists in bringing home his arguments, or walked upon as he addressed the jury. Because of the decreased crowd I was able to get material enough for the twin beds I had planned for \$238."

Rev. Mr. Bulgin started on his carving of the twin beds two years ago. He carried the lumber, piece at a time, to dozens of cities, where he worked during leisure hours. The design is unique. At the foot of the beds is carved a group of sparrows bidding the world "Good morning" in their flight from the nests. At the head the same group is depicted returning to rest.

Companion Pieces

Along with the beds, the Rev. Mr. Bulgin has carved a telephone box made of wood from an apple tree taken from the spot where Henry Clay once refused the presidency.

The wood-carver spent 1650 hours carving the twin beds and 800 hours on the telephone stand and chair to match. His tools include 50 chisels of all sizes and shapes.

While in Pasadena, the Rev. Mr. Bulgin is at the home of the Rev. Dr. D. Henry Wyatt, 28 Valley Street, where the unique bedroom set is on display to all those interested.

